

Texas Department of Public Safety Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

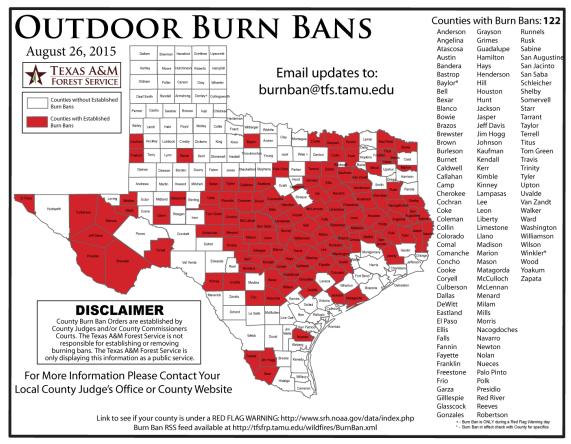
Event Name	August 2015 Wild Fire Event SITREP
Date	08/27/2015
Time	0700
Operational Period	0700 08/26/15 thru 0700 08/27/15
Report Number	16

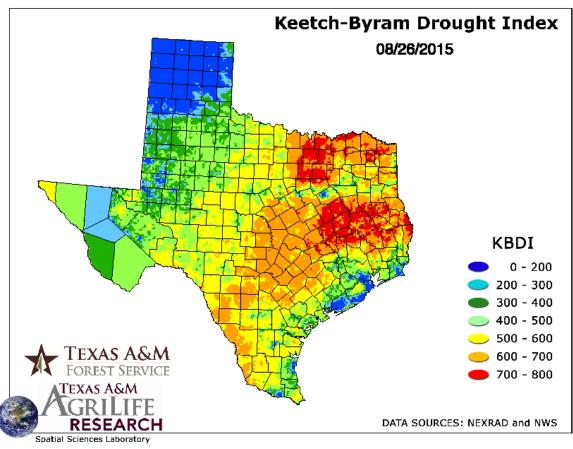
Regions Affected	
DPS Regions Affected	1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6
DDCs Active	None

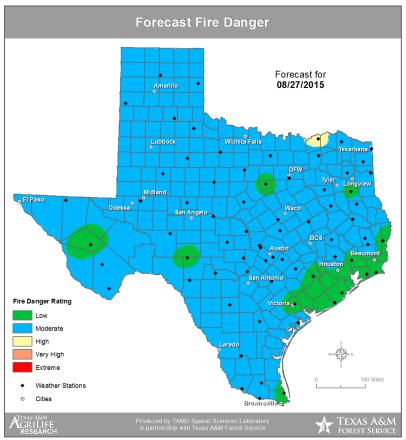
STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: Several large wildfires have occurred due to dry conditions across the state.

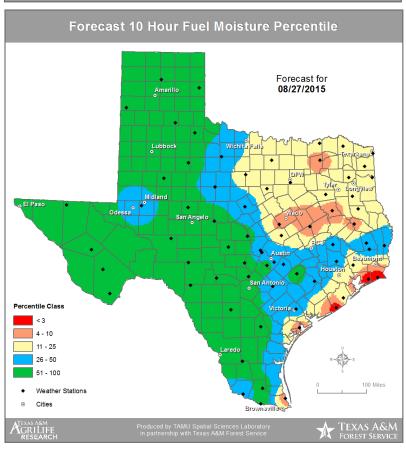
Thursday morning, the upper level high will begin shifting southwestward towards southern Arizona. Initially this ridge relocation will not have much impact on the weather over the Texas area. However, an upper level shortwave trough is expected to move over the central plains on Friday, which will cause another cool front to approach Texas. This trough may produce a chance for showers and thunderstorms over the Texas panhandle Thursday night, which would spread into northwestern Texas later Friday. The showers and thunderstorms could possibly move across northern Texas Friday night into Saturday, but the more significant thunderstorms will remain to our north. No significant basin averaged rainfall amounts are forecast.

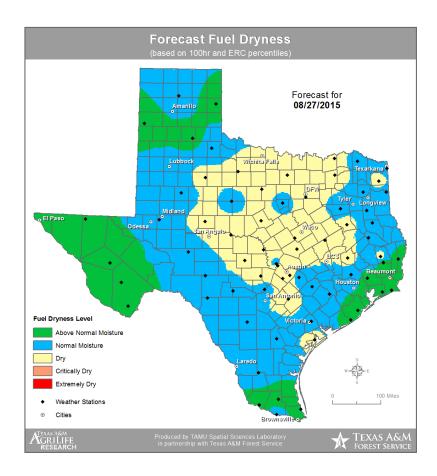
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Operational Priorities:

- 1. Protect life and property.
- 2. Support rapid & effective response.
- 3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
- 4. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.
- 5. Maintain communication with impacted local jurisdictions.

Region 1 (Includes DDCs 4, 5, 6, and 22)

DDC 5 – Mt. Pleasant (Includes: Bowie, Cass, Delta, Franklin, Hopkins, Lamar, Morris, Red River and Titus Counties)

Cass County:

A wildfire starting on 8/26/15 in Cass County, burning 10 acres before it was 100% contained. There were no homes threatened.

DDC 6 – Tyler (Includes: Anderson, Camp, Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Marion, Panola, Rains, Rusk, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt and Wood Counties)

Marion County:

A wildfire starting on 8/26/15 in Marion County, burning two acres before it was 100% contained. There were no homes threatened.

Region 2 (Includes DDCs 13, 14, 15, 16 Houston, 16 Texas City, 16 Conroe, and DDC Pierce)

DDC 13 – Bryan (Includes: Leon, Robertson, Madison, Brazos, Burleson, Grimes and Washington Counties)

Leon County:

A wildfire starting on 8/26/15 in Leon County, burning 52 acres before it was 100% contained. There were no homes threatened.

Region 3 (Includes DDCs 19, 20, 21, and 24)

DDC 19 – Laredo (Includes: Webb, Zapata, Jim Hogg and Starr Counties)

Zapata County:

<u>San Ygnacio Fire:</u> The fire started on 08/25/15 in Zapata County located 13.1 miles east of the intersection of FM 3169 and US 83. The wildfire is 100% contained and has burned approximately 1,000 acres. There were no homes threatened. Responding agencies: Zapata County FD and SO, San Ygnacio FD, South Texas Development Council Emergency Planner, American Red Cross, Texas A&M Forest Service, and TDEM DC 19.

Region 4 (Includes DDCs 8, 9, and 10)

DDC 10 – San Angelo (Includes: Coke, Concho, Crockett, Irion, Kimble, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Reagan, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton and Tom Green Counties)

McCulloch County:

Brooks Fire: The fire started on 08/25/15 burning 300 acres, and is currently 100% contained. There were no homes threatened.

Region 5 (Includes DDCs 1, 2, 3, and 7)

DDC 3 – Wichita Falls (Includes: Archer, Baylor, Clay, Cottle, Foard, Hardeman, Jack, Wichita, Wilbarger and Young Counties)

Young County:

<u>Hazelton Fire:</u> The fire started on 08/25/15 in Young County consuming 50 acres, which is 100% contained at this time. There were no homes threatened.

Region 6 (Includes DDCs 11, 23, 12, 18, and 17)

DDC 11/23 – Waco (Includes: Bell, Bosque, Coryell, Falls, Freestone, Hamilton, Hill, Lampasas, Limestone, McLennan, Milam, Mills and San Saba Counties)

McLennan County:

Morgan Road Fire: The fire started 08/25/15 in McLennan County. The fire is located northwest of the City of Crawford by Prairie Chapel Road and Morgan Road. Currently the fire is 100% contained with 350 acres burned. Four homes and multiple outbuildings were threatened. Responding Agencies: TFS, McGregor Task Force, McLennan County Assistant EMC, Crawford VFD, McGregor VFD, Valley Mills VFD, and a mutual aid VFD from Coryell County.

DDC 18a (San Antonio) (Includes: Bandera, Comal, Frio, Gillespie, Guadalupe, Kendall, Kerr and Medina Counties)

Gillespie County:

<u>Barons Creek Crossing Fire:</u> The fire started on 08/25/15 in Gillespie County. The fire has consumed 8 acres and is 90% contained. One home is threatened at this time.

Kerr County:

MK Fire: The fire started on 08/23/15 burning 1,300 acres, and is 100% contained. There were 8 homes being threatened, none damaged or destroyed at this time. The fire is located along US 83 approximately 2 miles south of SH 41.

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS): DPS Highway Patrol is assisting with traffic control.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT): TxDOT is providing support with refueling operations in Kerr County.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS): TFS is responding to numerous fires and assisting local fire departments.

Aviation Assets: Three federal helicopters in Smithville, Kerrville, and Fredericksburg; two single-engine Air Tankers in Fredericksburg, two Air Attack aircraft, one in College Station and one in Fredericksburg; and one STAR Flight helicopter Kerr County.

Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS):

FINAL COMMENTS: The State Operations Center (SOC) is at Level IV (Normal Conditions). The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) continues to monitor the situation and will provide additional situation reports as needed.

The four levels of SOC activation are:

Level I (Emergency Conditions)

Level II (Escalated Response Conditions)

Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)

Level IV (Normal Conditions)

This Situation Report can be found on the TDEM webpage at www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem.

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